



AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 5, 2017, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

Pages

1. **CALL THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO ORDER:**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

a. **Minutes**

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Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held in Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Thursday, 2017-SEP-07 at 3:30 p.m.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. **Mandate**
 - b. **Workplan**
 - c. **Cross Committee Collaboration**
6. **REPORTS:**
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
8. **QUESTION PERIOD:**
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
THURSDAY, 2017-SEP-07, AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor I. W. Thorpe

Members: D. Holmes
D. Lemire
M. Meredith
B. Parker
A. Petersen

Other: Mayor B. McKay
Councillor D. Brennan

Absent: Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor W. M. Yoachim
R. Whitton

Staff: B. McRae, Chief Operations Officer
K. Lindsay, Emergency Program Manager
Supt. C Miller, OIC, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP (vacated 4:00 p.m.)
D. Paddock, Staff Sergeant, Nanaimo Detachment RCMP (vacated 4:00 p.m.)
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer
S. Griffin, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- (a) Add Agenda Item 7(b) – Correspondence dated 2017-SEP-05 from Kevan Shaw, President, Victoria Crescent Association.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee held in the City Hall Training Room, Nanaimo, BC, on Thursday, 2017-JUL-06 at 3:30 p.m. be adopted as amended to reflect the Committee requested documentation from Staff regarding community based crime reduction strategies. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Discussion Regarding Community Policing and Services Office (CPSO)

Brad McRae, Chief Operations Officer provided a verbal presentation regarding the documents provided to the Public Safety Committee from other municipalities on how to revitalize the CPSO which included the following information:

- Identifying the types of activity that happen in the downtown core,
- Soft crime issues vs hard crime issues,
- CPSO previously stationed two RCMP Officers,
- Looking at bylaw enforcement and training two officers as peace officers for public safety,
- Inquire into the possibility of involvement from Public Health, regarding mental health and addictions,
- Soft crime issues could possibly be addressed with reprogramming the downtown space with an ambassador program but would require additional staff,
- The public needs to have reasons as to why to come downtown,
- Creating visual deterrents,
- Reprogramming the activity that happens in the Diana Krall Centre and use of space,
- The need for business involvement to make the downtown a place that people want to come,
- Examine Public Works duties downtown and our levels of services possibly increasing street washing, street sweeping and garbage collection, cleanliness,
- In the downtown area most businesses shut down at 5 p.m.; and,
- Hard crime takes place between 12 p.m. and 4 a.m. and are RCMP issues.

Supt. C. Miller vacated the Board Room at 4:00 p.m.

D. Paddock vacated the Board Room at 4:00 p.m.

Committee discussion took place regarding the following:

- Council members assigned to certain areas to help represent businesses with concerns for that area,
- Should businesses be encouraged to set up security camera's,
- Is there anything committee members can do individually, and,
- Need to look at having services in the downtown for the homeless.

It was moved and seconded that the Public Safety Committee recommend that Council direct Staff to develop a business case for revitalization of the Community Policing Services Office with regard to staffing levels and downtown activity including RCMP presence, ambassadors, Bylaw Enforcement Officers and other staffing as seen fit. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Correspondence

It was moved and seconded that Public Safety Committee receive the correspondence dated 2017-SEP-15 from Kevan Shaw, President, Victoria Crescent Association for information. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevan Shaw spoke regarding issues related to drug addiction and public safety on Victoria Crescent and other problems in the downtown core.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:35 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER